

## **Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Working Group Support 2002-2004**

**Abstract:** The Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Working Group (Working Group) was formed in 1988 by the Alaska Board of Fisheries in response to requests from people in the Kuskokwim Area who wanted to take a more active role in the management of their salmon (*Oncorhynchus*) fishery resources. Since then the Working Group has become increasingly active in the preseason, inseason, and postseason management of the Kuskokwim River drainage subsistence, commercial, and sport salmon fisheries. The Working Group now serves as a public forum for fisheries managers to meet with local users of the salmon resource to review run assessment information and reach a consensus on how to proceed with management of Kuskokwim River salmon fisheries. The Working Group typically first meets in March or April each calendar year; has intensive and frequent meetings during June, July, and August; and has a wrap-up session in September or October. Project performance and activities for the 2002, 2003 and 2004 fishing seasons are provided in this report.

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